HORROR TALES

APRIL 1973
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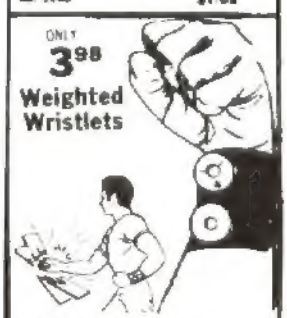

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NO PRODIGAL SON WAS MORE DELIGHTED TO SEE HIS FATHER... ESPECIALLY WHEN FOOD WAS SCARCE--AND THE LAD WAS...

THE BLOODY WOLFMAN

JOHN EASTON WAS IGNORING HIS FRIENDS ADVICE WHEN HE MARRIED JANET! SHE WAS A CONNIVING GOLD DIGGER, THEY CLAIMED... BUT HIS YEAR OLD SON NEED A MOTHER'S CARE DESPERATELY...

JANET PUT HER STEPSON TO BED EARLY THAT NIGHT!
IS JACKIE SLEEPING, DEAR?
FINALLY, THANK GOODNESS! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T ASK, BUT I MUST THINK OF JACKIE'S FUTURE!
NO! I'M HAPPY YOU'RE CONCERNED, JANET. IF I DIE, YOU WILL OWN THE RANCH! THEN, WHEN JACKIE TURNS 21, YOU'LL BOTH SHARE IT EQUALLY!

THAT WASN'T WHAT I MEANT, DEAR! BUT IT'S GENEROUS OF YOU TO INCLUDE ME IN YOUR PLANS!
BUT, I'VE GOT PLANS OF MY OWN...AND THEY DON'T INCLUDE THE KID! HE'LL HAVE TO GO...

JANET WAITED FOR HER CHANCE! IT CAME WHEN HER HUSBAND MADE HIS TRIP TO THE CATTLE MARKET!
HONEY, TAKE GOOD CARE OF JACKIE WHILE I'M GONE!
I SURE WILL, DEAR!

AS SOON AS JOHN LEFT, JANET WENT TO SEE FRANK SAMPSON, ONE OF THE COWHANDS...
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, MA'AM?
I WANT THAT KID JACKIE TAKEN UP TO THE HILLS AND LOST, SO HE'LL NEVER BE FOUND!

THAT'S MURDER! WHY SHOULD I DO THAT FOR YOU?
YOU WOULDN'T WANT MY HUSBAND TO KNOW YOU'VE BEEN RUSTLING HIM BLIND SINCE YOU CAME! I'VE CHECKED ON YOU, FRANK SAMPSON!

WHAT'LL YOU TELL YOUR HUSBAND?
WE'LL WRITE A KIDNAP NOTE ASKING FOR RANSOM! HE'LL NEVER SUSPECT!

WHEN JOHN RETURNED 3 DAYS LATER, HE FOUND HIS WIFE HYSTERICAL...
IT'S HORRIBLE! I LEFT HIM ALONE FOR A FEW MINUTES...WHEN I GOT BACK, HE WAS GONE! AND THERE WAS THIS KIDNAP NOTE PINNED TO HIS PILLOW!
THE SWINE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! WE'LL ORGANIZE A POSSE AND HUNT FOR HIM!
LATER...
IT'S NO USE, BOYS! LET'S REST FOR A...
HEY! I'VE FOUND HIM!
IT'S FRANK! THE WOLVES GOT HIM! WHERE'S JACKIE?
BOSS! JACKIE'S CLOTHES! IT LOOKS LIKE THE WOLVES CARRIED HIM OFF! CHANCES ARE THE BOY IS... IS DEAD...
BACK AT THE RANCH, LATER...
THE WOLVES GOT THEM BOTH, JANET! FRANK DESERVED IT... BUT JACKIE... WHY?
WHAT A BREAK! FRANK WILL NEVER TALK NOW!
BUT, JOHN EASTON NEVER GOT OVER HIS TRAGEDY... THE YEARS PASSED! BUT NOT FOR THE WOLF-PACKS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JOHN?
WRITING TO THE SHERIFF! I'M RAISING THE BOUNTY ON EVERY WOLF KILLED!
MEANWHILE, ON THE RANGE, THE NIGHT AIR IS ALIVE WITH THE STIRRINGS OF DANGER!
AND, THEN, IT COMES... THE FLASH OF SHARP FANGS IN THE MOONLIGHT... THE WOLF-PACK... LED BY THE STRANGEST OF CREATURES!

ONLY THE GUNFIRE STOPS THE MURDEROUS CHARGE!
JUMPING JUPITER! I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I JUST SAW!
LATER, AT THE RANCH...
IT WAS A WOLF RAID, MR. EASTON... BUT THE LEADER... IT WAS HUMAN... HAIRY AND WILD... BUT A MAN AS YOU AND I!
A MAN... LIVING WITH THE WOLVES? GREAT SCOTT!
TELL MY WIFE I'LL BE BACK LATER TONIGHT! I WANT TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT THIS WOLF MAN! SADDLE UP, MEN!
THE MEN KNEW WHAT FIRED JOHN EASTON INTO ACTION! IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO ASSUME! BUT THEY OBEYED HIS ORDERS!
DON'T SHOOT ULESS YOU'RE ATTACKED... AND EVEN THEN, AIM TO WOUND... NOT TO KILL! I WANT HIM ALIVE!
BOSS! HERE COME THE VARMINTS!
QUIET! I SEE THEM!
LEADING THE FOUR-FOOTED KILLERS, WAS THE WOLF-MAN! JOHN EASTON STARED IN AMAZEMENT AT THE SNARLING FACE... AT THE FOREHEAD... WHICH BORE A MARK WHICH EASTON HAD SEEN 19 YEARS BEFORE ...ON HIS OWN LITTLE BOY...
G'NIGHT, DADDY!
HE'S GOT A CRESCENT SHAPED MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD! IT'S MY SON... MY BOY'S ALIVE! HOLD YOUR FIRE!

BOSS! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE YELLED LIKE THAT... YOU SCARED 'EM OFF!
I DON'T CARE! WE'LL GET THEM LATER! WAIT TILL I TELL JANET! SHE WON'T BELIEVE IT!

THAT NIGHT...
IT'S TRUE, JANET! I SAW THE MARK WITH MY OWN EYES! MY BOY JACKIE IS ALIVE, I TELL YOU!
EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, JOHN-- HE'S GROWN, NOW-- NOTHING MORE THAN A DANGEROUS ANIMAL-- HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO RECLAIM HIM?

I'M GOING TO TRY! HE'S STILL AN EASTON! ME AND A SEARCH PARTY WILL LEAVE IN THE MORNING!
I'M GOING WITH YOU!

LATER...
JUST BE CAREFUL, JANET! AIM FOR HIS LEGS IF YOU HAVE TO SHOOT!

UP THERE, BOSS! THEY'RE UP THERE--ON THAT RISE!

DON'T SHOOT, JANET.. IT'S TOO FAR! YOU MAY KILL HIM!
DON'T STOP ME NOW! HE'LL BE BETTER OFF DEAD--

JANET! OH, NO...

SHE'S DEAD! CARRY HER BACK TO THE RANCH! I'M GOING ON ALONE!
GOOD GRAVY! WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT? THE BOSS HAS GONE PLUMB LOCO!
LET HIM GO... I'M NOT STAYING IN THESE HILLS...
NIGHT FALLS ON THE PRAIRIE WITH AN EERIE HOWL -- BUT JOHN EASTON LISTENS... AND HOPES --
THE WOLVES! I CAN SEE THEIR BLAZING EYES! SENSE THEM CLOSING IN -- IS MY BOY AMONG THEM?
JACKIE! JACKIE! ARE YOU AMONG THESE DEVILS? ANSWER YOUR FATHER --
THERE YOU ARE! MY SON... MY ONLY SON! -- CAN'T YOU SENSE WHO I AM? DON'T YOU KNOW ME?
THE SUB-HUMAN EYES WIDEN AND GLOW BRIGHTLY -- THE THING THAT WAS JACKIE RECOGNIZES HIS FATHER -- BUT ONLY AS FOOD! FOR ALTHOUGH HE WEARS THE SHAPE OF MAN -- JACKIE IS STILL AS HUNGRY AS A WOLF!
THE END

GHOUL'S MANSION

TERROR GRIPPED BANTEEN'S HEART, AND HE BOLTED FROM THE DILAPIDATED PORCH... AND HE DIDN'T STOP UNTIL HE REACHED JEDEDIAH LASH'S SMALL SHACK...

BREATHLESSLY, HE BANGED ON THE DOOR...

JED! JED... YA SNAKE! JED... LEMME IN!

COME IN...

I SEE'D HIM, JED... SEE'D HIM WITH ALL THOSE DAID PEOPLE AROUN'!

I TOLD YA, AMOS! JEST LIKE AH SUSPECTED.

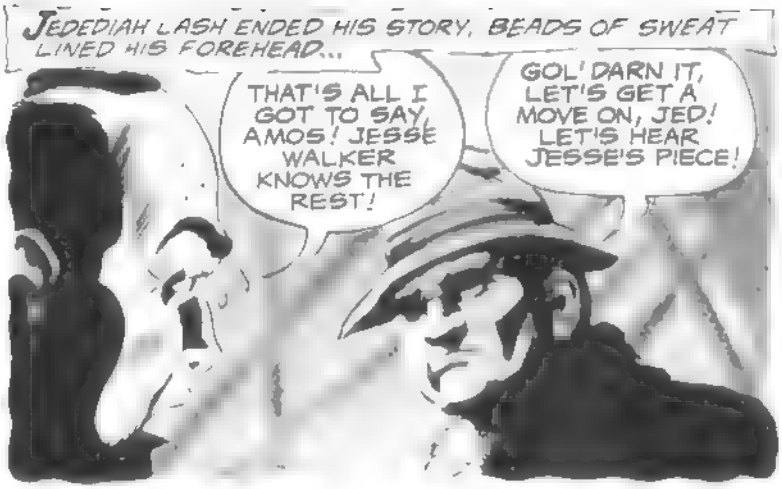
JEDEDIAH, SAT BACK IN HIS CHA R AND BROUGHT BACK BLACK, UGLY MEMORIES...

HMMF! KIND OF FUNNY, THET WILKIE WATTS! A R GHT LONELY CREATURE... ALWAYS THINKIN' HIMSELF HIGH AND MIGHTY! WE GOT HIM GOOD AMOS... ETERNITY WAS ON OUR SIDE WHEN I SAW WILKIE THET NIGHT...

"THET NIGHT BY THE CEMETERY! RAININ' JUST LIKE IT IS NOW... WHEN I CAUGHT OLE WILKIE ENTERING THE CEMETERY..."

"I FOLLOWED HIM, AMOS! I WAITED, WATCHING HIM! THEN MAH HEART FROZE CLEAR TO ICE! WILKIE WAS DRAGGIN' A BODY, GNAWED TO FILTH BY TIME... DRAGGIN' IT OUT OF A GRAVE..."

"HE DRAGGED THET BODY CLEAN OUT OF THE CEMETERY! I FOLLOWED HIM, AMOS, IT WAS JES' LIKE THE DEVIL A DRAGGIN' THET BODY..."


JEDEDIAH LASH ENDED HIS STORY, BEADS OF SWEAT LINED HIS FOREHEAD...
THAT'S ALL I GOT TO SAY, AMOS! JESSE WALKER KNOWS THE REST!
GOL' DARN IT, LET'S GET A MOVE ON, JED! LET'S HEAR JESSE'S PIECE!

JED REACHED FOR HIS RAINCOAT HANGING ON THE WALL...
I'M WITH YA, AMOS! IF'N YA THINK...?
SURE... I THINK WILKIE WATTS IS CAVORTING WITH THE DEVIL!

JEDEDIAH LASH AND AMOS BANTEEN WALKED OUT INTO THE RAIN, STAYING CLOSE TO EACH OTHER! SHORTLY, THEY REACHED JESSE WALKER'S HOUSE...

THE TWO MEN ENTERED THE HOUSE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU COME FER! WILKIE...!
AH TOLE AMOS MAH SIDE, JESSE!
'N AH KNOW'D WHAT I SEE'D TERNIGHT! LET'S HEAR, JESSE...

"ALL I COULD TELL YA IS WHAT I SAW! I DID WHAT JED TOLD ME TO DO! I WENT TO WILKIE'S HOUSE AND PEERED THROUGH THE WINDOW..."

"THERE WAS WILKIE, WORKING ON SOMETHING... A FIENDISH BLUE LIGHT MAKING HIM LOOK LIKE SOME SORT OF DEATH-LIKE AGENT..."

"I WAS ALL SET TO GO! SUDDENLY, MY EYE CAUGHT SOMETHING...AND I SCREAMED..."

"FOR THERE, SITTING RIGHT AS YOU PLEASE WAS A DEAD MAN... ITS FACE UGLY WITH DEATH! BUT IT WAS STANDING... AND BOWING... BOWING LIKE A SERVANT..."

"I LOOKED AGAIN... AND THERE WAS ANOTHER... STILL BOWING... LOWERING ITS HEAD TO WILKIE..."

JESSE WALKER WAS SILENT, HIS EYES WERE BLANK, AS THEY LOOKED UPON AMOS AND JEDEDIAH...
GULP!
OH LORD...

THEN JESSE WALKER WENT TO A NEAR WALL... WHERE THREE RIFLES STOOD...
AMOS...
AH... GUESS... SO...
I'LL TAKE MINE, JESSE!

THE THREE MEN WALKED OUT INTO THE RAIN! DOWN THE MUDDY ROAD TO WILKIE WATTS' RUN-DOWN MANSION...

THEY SLAMMED OPEN THE MANSION'S DOOR WITHOUT KNOCKING! THEY FOUND WILKIE WATTS IN HIS CHAIR...
THE DEVIL'S GOT YA, WILKIE! DEAD MEN SHOULD STAY BURIED!
WHA ? I...I...! NO, NO! I WANTED COMPANY!
NO... DON'T! I WAS LONELY! NO... PLEASE...! I WAS... LONELY....!
THE THREE RIFLES WENT OFF...
BAM
BAM
BLAM
WILKIE SLUMPED OVER DEAD!
THE THREE MEN TURNED, DETERMINED TO FACE THE DEAD! WHAT THEY SAW MADE THEM TREMBLE WITH FRIGHT...
BEFORE THEM WERE THREE DEAD MEN... STANDING IN FETID UPRIGHT POSITIONS... BUT HELD ALOFT BY AN ELABORATE PULLEY SYSTEM, THEIR SILENT HEADS WERE BOWED IN MUTED SERVILITY...
OH, WHAT HAVE WE DONE!!
HAVE... PITY...
FIN!

GREETINGS LOVERS OF **FABLES** AND **FANTASY**! **MOTHER GHOUL** BRINGS YOU ANOTHER OF HER INTIMATE

TERROR FABLES

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN THE ROYAL TOWNSHIP OF LEIPSIE, THERE LIVED A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF **ELLA**! THE FAMILY CONSISTED OF A MOTHER, HER TWO DAUGHTERS, **UGLY** AND **REPULSIVE**, AND HER STEP-DAUGHTER, **CINDER**! AND THAT CINDER, SHE WAS **SOME** DISH! UNFORTUNATELY, CINDER WAS BADLY ABUSED BY HER STEP-SISTERS AND STEP-MOTHER! THEY WORKED CINDER LIKE A HORSE...

UGLY AND REPULSIVE LIVED LIKE QUEENS WHILE CINDER, CLOTHED RAGS, WAS VIRTURALLY A SLAVE...

CINDER DID THINK SHE WAS BEING TREATED **MOST** UNFAIRLY...

LATER...
REPULSIVE, DARLING, YOU'LL BE SIMPLY STUNNING IN THAT GOLD EVENING GOWN!
AND YOU, DEAREST UGLY, WILL KNOCK 'EM DEAD IN THAT NEW FUR STOLE!
POOR CINDER HAD TEARS IN HER EYES AS SHE SAW THEM IN THEIR NEW FINERY!
CAN'T I JUST TOUCH IT, UGLY? IT'S SO PURTY!
GET YOUR GRUBBY LITTLE HANDS OFF MY GOWN, YOU IDIOT!
THE PRINCE'S ANNUAL BALL WAS THE BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR! EVERY GIRL HOPES TO SNARE THE YOUNG MAN FOR HER HUSBAND...
I CAN WIN THE SAP! HE LIKES A PRETTY FACE!
ONE OF US IS SURE TO BE THE NEXT PRINCESS!
CINDER PLEADED TO BE ALLOWED TO GO TO THE BALL, BUT TO NO AVAIL...
PLEASE (SOB) MA'AM, I JUST WANT TO GO TO THE BALL! (SOB)
ABSOLUTELY NOT, CINDER!
AND, ON THE NIGHT OF THE BALL!
I'D (SOB) DO ANYTHING TO GO... ANYTHING...
CINDER QUICKLY FIGURED OUT WHO THE WOMAN IN BLACK WAS...
YOU'RE MY FAIRY GOD-MOTHER! JUST LIKE IN THE FABLES!
NO! I'M NOT YOUR FAIRY GODMOTHER!
AND SUDDENLY, IN A GIANT BURST OF SMOKE, A FIGURE APPEARED BEFORE HER...
W-WHAT ON EARTH...
SHHH, CHILD... DON'T BE ALARMED!

B-BUT WHO ARE YOU THEN?
I'M A WITCH... A WITCH! NOW MAYBE WE CAN WORK OUT A DEAL!

A DEAL? YOU MEAN SO I CAN GO TO THE PRINCE'S BALL?
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE GOT A SCHEME AND IF YOU'LL COOPERATE, YOU CAN BE AT THE BALL WITHIN THE HOUR!

CINDER LISTENED AS THE WITCH OUTLINED HER PLAN!
IT'S A DEAL!
FINE, CINDER, FINE! I KNEW YOU WERE A SMART CHICK!

THE WITCH RAISED HER WAND AND IN A FLASH CINDER WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A STUNNING CLOTHES HORSE!
THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING! THERE'S STILL MORE TO COME!

THE HAG LED CINDER OUTSIDE WHERE SIX MICE PLAYED IN THE GUTTER...
HOW ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, WITCHY DEAR!
OUR LITTLE GUTTER PALS WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

AND WITH ANOTHER WAVE OF THE MAGIC WAND THE MICE BECAME A SLEEK CADILLAC...
NOW DON'T FORGET, ALL THIS GLAMOR WILL ONLY LAST UNTIL MIDNIGHT! YOU MUST BE BACK BY THEN!
OKAY! STOP NAGGING! I'LL BE BACK!

MINUTES LATER FOUND OUR HEROINE WALKING INTO THE CROWDED BALLROOM...
YIKES, MAN! DIG THAT FORM!
AHVAAVOOM! ...FANTASTIC!

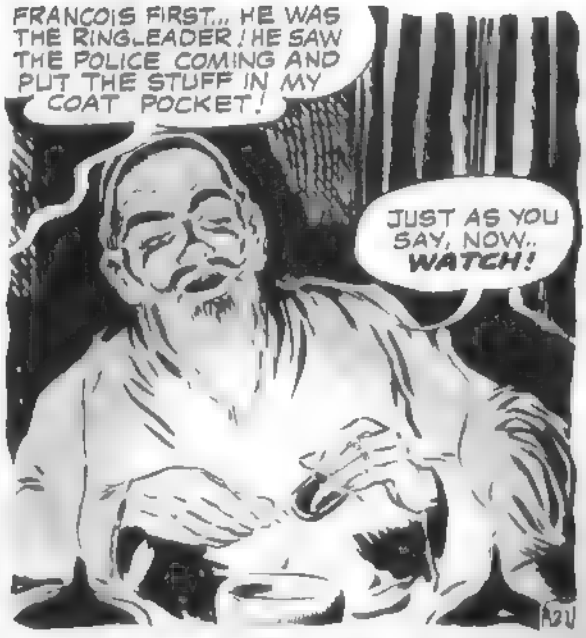
BUT CINDER HAD NO TIME FOR THE PALACE RIFF RAFF! SHE WAS INTERESTED IN BIGGER GAME...
PARDON ME, PRINCE, BOY... BUT ISN'T THIS OUR DANCE?
IT SURE IS, BABY!
THE PRINCE FELL FOR CINDER LIKE A TON OF BRICKS AND THEY DANCED AND DANCED!
YOU'RE THE GREATEST, KID... THE GREATEST!
THE HOURS PASSED...
PRINCE, BOY... YOU'RE A REAL SWINGER!
WHEN SHE HEARD THE BONGS OF THE PALACE CLOCK, CINDER REMEMBERED HER DEADLINE...
HOLY COW! 10 SECONDS TO MIDNIGHT! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
BONG
BONG
SHE BROKE AWAY FROM THE PRINCE AND FLED FROM THE BALLROOM...
WAIT! STOP! I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR NAME!
ON HER HASTE CINDER LOST ONE OF HER SHOES...
WHEW! I MADE IT! ONE MORE SECOND AND I'D CHANGE BACK INTO MY OLD SELF RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES!
MEANWHILE...
S-SHE JUST DISAPPEARED... I'LL FIND HER WITH THIS! ONLY ONE WOMAN COULD HAVE A FOOT TO FIT THIS SHOE... AND THAT'S MY BELOVED!

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE PRINCE STARTED A SEARCH TO FIND A GIRL WHOSE FOOT FILLED THE SIZE NINE PUMP...
DOESN'T FIT! ... NEXT!
MEANWHILE, UGLY AND REPULSIVE READIED THEMSELVES TO JOIN THE LINE OF WOMEN..
PLEASE, UGLY... PLEASE! CAN'T I COME TOO? PLEASE...
NO!
UGLY AND REPULSIVE LAUGED AT CINDER'S REQUEST.. BUT FINALLY, AS A JOKE, THEY DID AGREE TO LET CINDER COME..
BUT, AS THE SAYING GOES, HE HE WHO LAUGHS LAST, LAUGHS BEST! AND WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR CINDER TO TRY ON THE SHOE..
IT FITS! IT'S THE GIRL!
YOU'VE FOUND ME, DARLING... KISS ME!
UGH! WHAT A MESS SHE IS! I MUST'VE BEEN DRUNK THE OTHER NIGHT!
ER.. NOT RIGHT NOW, CINDER! I'LL KISS YOU LATER! ... YES, LATER!
THE WEDDING WAS SCHEDULED FOR A WEEK LATER AND CINDER RETURNED TO THE ELLA COTTAGE...
OH, CINDER, PLEASE FORGIVE US!
W-WE'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...
DON'T BOTHER ME... I'M BUSY!
WHEN THE PRINCE SAW HOW BEAUTIFUL CINDER REALLY WAS, HE INSTANTLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HER!!!
... AND DO YOU, PRINCE, TAKE CINDER TO BE YOUR...
YOU SAID IT, MAN! I SURE DO!

AND THE PAIR WENT ON A HONEYMOON!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME? WE'VE BEEN CLIMBING THIS MOUNTAIN FOR HOURS!
...WE'RE ALMOST THERE, PRINCE!
LATER...
OKAY, WITCH! HERE HE IS, JUST LIKE I PROMISED!
YOU'R A GOOD GIRL, CINDER!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
MY, HE IS A PERFECT HUNK OF MAN!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU OLD HAG! WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT, CINDER?
DARLING! I SOLD YOU TO THE WITCH! YOU'RE HERS, NOW!
YES, IT'S THE ONE THING I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET... A MAN!
NOW STOP PROTESTING, DEAR PRINCE, OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO A MONKEY!
I'LL BE QUIET, DEAR!
THE WITCH WAS HAPPY AND CINDER WAS HAPPY! IN RETURN FOR THE PRINCE SHE GOT TWO LARGE BAGS OF JEWELS...
AND THUS ENDED THE TRUE STORY OF CINDERELLA...CINDER WENT BACK HOME TO A LIFE OF LUXURY AND THE WITCH LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER...
YEECH! WHO NEEDS A HUSBAND TO BOSS ME AROUND!
WE'VE FINISHED THE IRONING, CINDER!
SO NOW, START SCRUBBING!
KISS ME, DARLING PRINCE... KISS ME!
UGH! YES, DEAR!
THE END

WEIRD REVENGE

THE LONE FIGURE CREPT FURTIVELY DOWN THE NARROW ALLEY, PEERING CAREFULLY AT EACH SHOP NUMBER! THEN, AS A DISTANT BELL TOLLED MIDNIGHT, THE MAN STARED AT THE BATTERED DOOR BEFORE HIM .. LIFTED HIS HAND TO TOUCH THE ANCIENT KNOCKER... SHRANK BACK TREMBLING, THEN SUDDENLY LURCHED FORWARD AND CLUTCHED IT. NO SOONER HAD IT THUDDED AGAINST THE DOOR WHEN A VOICE SAID, "COME IN! I AM ALWAYS OPEN FOR CUSTOMERS..."



THE LIQUID WHIRLING IN THE BOWL.. FORMS TAKING SHAPE.

And NOW THOSE FORMS GREW CLEARER...

AND SUDDENLY FRANCOS WAS THERE BEFORE HIM...
HERE M'AMSELLE... THIS CHAIR BESIDE ME IS EMPTY
OUI, I THINK I HAVE FOUND THE RIGHT COMPANION!

I MET HER OUTSIDE JUST A MINUTE AGO AND SHE SAID SHE WOULD SIT WITH ME!
FRANCOS IS QUICK WITH THE KNIFE. WATCH OUT!

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF HER... SHE'S MINE.
BUT I SAW HER FIRST.

LEAD IS WHAT YOU'LL TAKE, MY FRIEND! I'LL KEEP THE GIRL!
OHHH-H!

THROW HIM IN THE SEWER! LET THE POLICE FIND HIM FLOATING IN THE SEINE IN THE MORNING! NOW WHERE'S MY PRIZE?

COME HERE, YOU! NEVER BEFORE HAVE I KILLED FOR A GIRL... BUT YOU ARE WORTH IT... BUT WHY? ... WHAT'S HAPPENING?

YOU... YOU'RE NOT REAL! I'VE MURDERED A MAN FOR A SPIRIT; BUT NO! IT CAN'T BE!
GOODBYE... GOODBYE... YOU HAVE SERVED ME JUST AS MY MASTER KNEW YOU WOULD!

HE'S DEAD! I'VE HAD MY REVENGE! FRANCOIS IS DEAD!
YES, THE SPECTRES I SEND OUT ALWAYS DO THEIR JOBS.
HER NAME IS MARIA... SHE PRETENDED TO BE IN LOVE WITH ME... BUT SHE LET FRANCOIS FRAME ME! FIND HER... KILL HER!

AND NOW IT'S THE GIRL'S TURN! IT GROWS LATE, AND THERE WILL BE OTHER CUSTOMERS!

AND SECONDS LATER...
I HAVE FOUND HER IN MONTE CARLO! SHE HAS BEEN VERY, VERY LUCKY... SO FAR... NOW LOOK!
YES... YES... I SEE HER! SHE'S AT A ROULETTE TABLE!

YOU WIN AGAIN, MADAMOISELLE MARIA. TONIGHT YOU ARE VERY LUCKY!

I'VE BEEN LUCKY ALL MY LIFE WITH MEN AND WITH MONEY... AND THAT'S THE WAY I ALWAYS WANT IT TO BE!
FOR YOU MADAMOISELLE! IT WAS LEFT AT THE DOOR!

THREADS OF GOLD! NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL THING!
A MILLION FRANCS COULD NOT BUY IT! COME, MARIA, TELL US WHO YOUR ADMIRER IS.
I DO NOT KNOW BUT I SHALL PUT THIS DRESS ON AT ONCE!

CLUTCHING HER PRIZE, SHE RUSHED INTO A NEARBY ROOM. AND SECONDS LATER...
YOU SENT IT TO SURPRISE ME, GEORGE. OH YOU ARE SWEET.. SO VERY GOOD TO ME!
NO, MARIA! I DID NOT SEND IT AND YOU RE NOT GOING TO WEAR IT EITHER!

NO! NO...GEORGE...YOU'LL TEAR IT! PLEASE LET GO! IT IS SO LOVELY... YOU MUSTN'T HURT IT.
I'LL TEAR IT TO SHREDS. YOU'LL NEVER WEAR IT... AND IF I FIND THE ONE WHO GAVE IT TO YOU, I WILL KILL HIM!

PERMIT ME! I AM THE DONER OF THE DRESS. IT WAS MEANT TO BE WORN BY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I HAVE EVER SEEN.. AND YOU DESERVE THAT HONOR!
YOU LIED, MARIA! HE WAS HIDDEN IN THAT CLOSET ALL THE TIME! I TOLD YOU I'D KILL ANYONE WHO PAID ATTENTION TO YOU!

STOP, GEORGE! I NEVER SAW THIS MAN BEFORE.. I SWEAR IT.
LIES! LIES!

STOP IT! DON'T SHOOT HIM, GEORGE!
YOU'VE BOTH BEEN MAKING A FOOL OF ME BEHIND MY BACK... BUT NEVER AGAIN!

YOU KILLED HIM! THEY'LL HANG YOU FOR THAT!
NO, MARIA, THEY WON'T HANG ME! YOU'RE THE ONE THEY'LL HANG! I WON'T BE HERE WHEN THEY COME!

YOU... YOU'RE A GHOST! BUT YOU KILLED GEORGE! YOU DID!
BUT NO ONE WILL EVER BELIEVE YOU MARIA! GOOD-BYE.. FOR I MUST LEAVE YOU NOW!

SHE KILLED HIM! THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE!
BUT I DIDN'T! THE MAN WHO SENT THE DRESS WAS HERE. HE DID IT.
NO ONE LEFT THAT DOOR! THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT! YOU'LL HANG FOR THIS, MADAMOISELLE!

I'VE HAD MY REVENGE AND IT WAS GOLD WELL SPENT!
WAIT.. THE KNOCKER THUMPS AGAIN. I HAVE ANOTHER CUSTOMER WAITING AT THE DOOR!

MARIA! FRANCOIS! YOU HAVE BROUGHT THEM HERE!
THEY ARE NEW CUSTOMERS ... AND THEY PAID BEFORE I WOULD LET THEM ENTER! THEY ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

NO... NO... IT ISN'T FAIR. I BOUGHT MY REVENGE!
AND WE BOUGHT OURS, PIERRE! YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
THE END

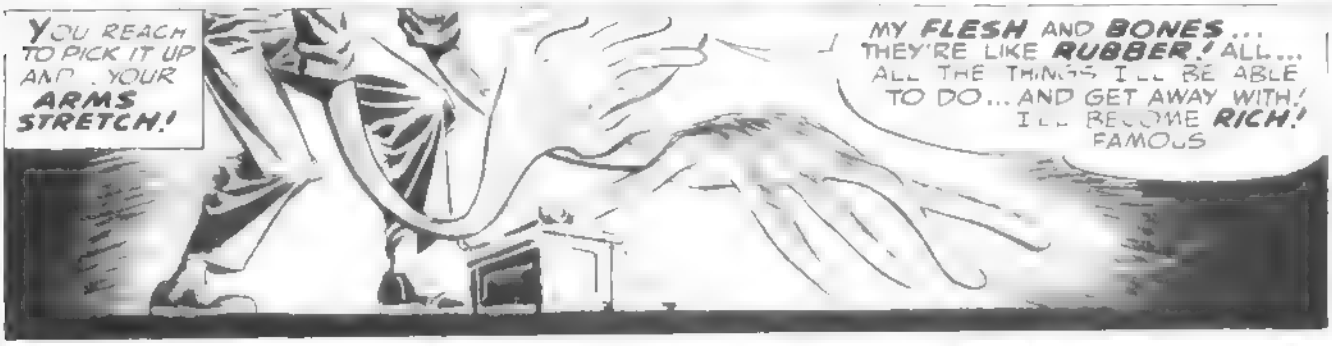
MOST PEOPLE **LEARN** TO OVERCOME THEIR HANDICAPS, **LAWRENCE DAWSON**, BUT NOT YOU! **THESE** PEOPLE BECOME STRONGER, BETTER CITIZENS FOR THEIR EFFORTS... BUT **NOT YOU**. YOU'VE BEEN PLAGUED SINCE EARLY CHILDHOOD WITH BRITTLE BONES AND HAVE REFUSED, EVER SINCE, TO BE ANYTHING BUT **ERRATIC** AND **DESPONDENT**. TO **YOU**, PLACING **ANY** VALUE OF LIFE IS...

STRETCHING THINGS

TIME PASSES AND YOUR BONES HEAL! BUT YOUR DISPOSITION SEEMS TO BE INBRED...
X!!@#! THAT MR. BUTLER! WHY DOES HE INSIST ON BORROWING THIS... OOPS!

YOU SHUDDER IN HORROR AS YOU FEEL THE TYPEWRITER SQUASHING YOUR FOOT...

BUT THERE IS NO PAIN! YOU GASP AS YOU SEE THE MACHINE ACTUALLY BOUNCE!


YOU REACH TO PICK IT UP AND... YOUR ARMS STRETCH!
MY FLESH AND BONES... THEY'RE LIKE RUBBER! ALL... ALL THE THINGS I'LL BE ABLE TO DO... AND GET AWAY WITH! I'LL BECOME FAMOUS RICH!

THEN, A REALIZATION! THE DOCTOR HE STILL KNOWS THE FORMULA! HE MIGHT GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE! THEN WHERE WOULD HE BE?
I... I'LL KILL HIM! I CAN'T LET HIM STOP ME! I MUST LET THE WORLD PAY ME THE FORTUNE IT OWES ME!

YOU CALL DR BOYLE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.
THAT'S RIGHT I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE YOU'RE IN. I'LL BE THERE IN HALF AN HOUR. I WANT TO SHOW YOU... SOMETHING!

YOU ENTER HIS OFFICE AND ATTACK WITHOUT WARNING! YOU WRAP YOUR FINGERS AROUND AND AROUND HIS NECK AND THEN... THEN YOU SLOWLY SQUEEZE!
DON'T LOOK SO SHOCKED, DOCTOR! IT ISN'T THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU...

YOU HURRIEDLY LEAVE, SECONDS BEFORE ANOTHER PATIENT ARRIVES! THE MURDER IS DISCOVERED!
HEY YOU! COME BACK! POLICE! MURDER!
YOU REACH UP AND TWIST YOUR FACE INTO AN UNRECOGNIZABLE CONTORTION!
PUFF... PUFF! WHAT A STROKE OF GENIUS! NO WITNESSES COULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY ME NOW!
YOU GLIDE INTO A DESERTED SIDE STREET... AT LAST SAFE FROM PRYING EYES...
YOU RELEASE YOUR GRIP... AND ARE HORRIFIED TO SEE...
MY FACE... IT'S STUCK! IT'LL STRETCH, BUT WON'T SNAP BACK...
YOU RUN HYSTERICALLY TO THE SUBWAY..
NO... NO... NO!
... AND YOU STUMBLE...
... TWISTING... CRASHING... FALLING DOWN THE CEMENT STEPS!

YOU STRUGGLE TO YOUR FEET... HALF INSANE!

YOUR DIZZY BURNING MIND ONLY TELLS YOU ONE THING! YOU **MUST** FIND **HELP**... AND A **CURE**!

DR. HARRELL... THE SCIENTIST... HE CAN... HELP ME...

GUESS I'LL NEED TO GIVE YOU SOME SHOTS! THE CHEMICAL **SHOULD** PUT YOU BACK INTO **A-1 CONDITION!**

SUDDENLY... A COMPLICATION YOU HADN'T BARGAINED FOR!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE THE MAN MY FRIEND, DR. BOYLE, MENTIONED GIVING HIS BONE SOFTENING FORMULA TO!

REALIZING HE MIGHT SUSPECT WHO MURDERED HIS FRIEND, YOU GRAB THE HYPO FROM HIS STARTLED HANDS AND THRUST ITS **LONG NEEDLE** INTO HIS **HEART!**

YES, LAWRENCE DAWSON, YOU KILLED THE MAN WHO GOT YOU INTO THIS CONDITION, AND NOW YOU'VE MURDERED THE MAN WHO OFFERED YOU A SOLUTION! **BUT...** IN YOUR HASTE... YOU DIDN'T LET HIM LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO TELL YOU THE **FLUID MEASUREMENTS** FOR THE SYRINGE! MEANWHILE, THE POLICE DISCOVER THAT YOU WERE DR BOYLE'S **LAST VISITOR...** HE HAD **RECORDED** YOUR **APPOINTMENT!**

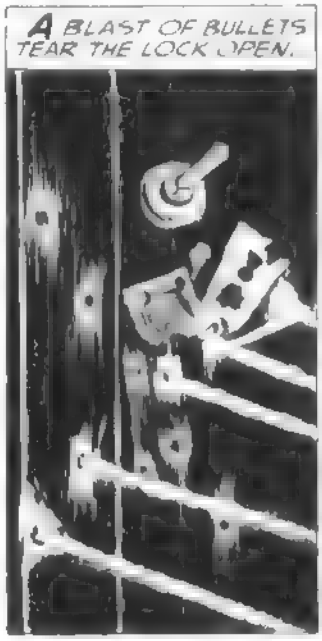
YOU ANXIOUSLY RETURN TO YOUR ROOM! A FEW HOURS PASS, AND...

ALL RIGHT, DAWSON! WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE! OPEN UP!

YOU REALIZE YOU CAN'T GET AWAY! BUT YOU LAUGH...
HA HA HA... HA HA!

YOUR VOICE SOUNDS STRANGELY DISTANT AS YOU BARK OUT YOUR DEFIANCE!
COME AND GET ME! YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE...

YOU HEAR THE SHUFFLING OF FEET AND SENSE THE DRAMA ABOUT TO UNFOLD!

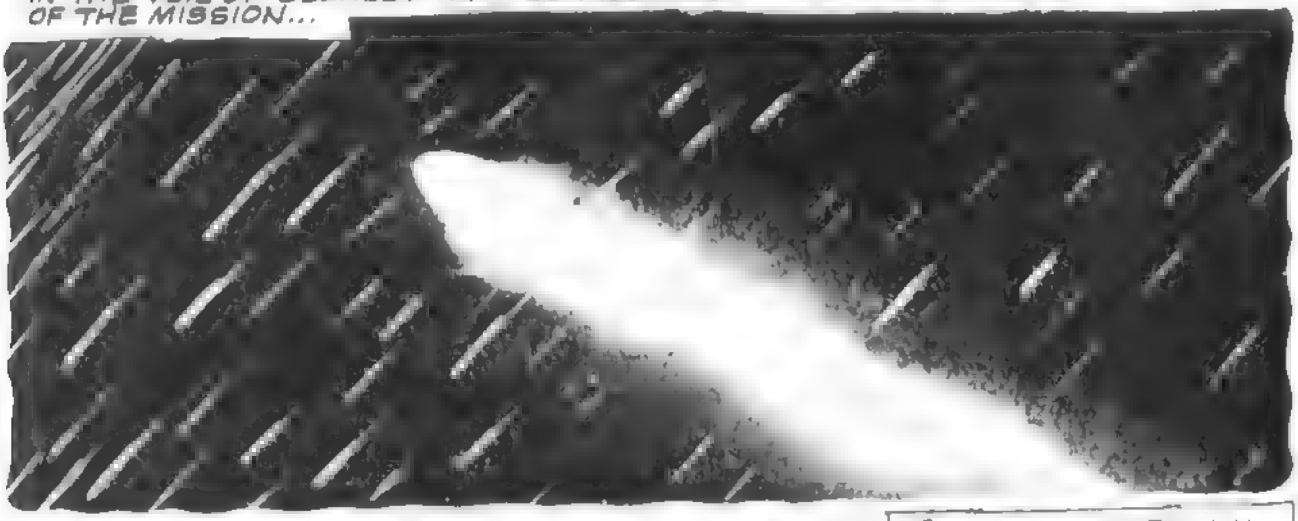

A BLAST OF BULLETS TEAR THE LOCK OPEN.

...AND THEN YOU WATCH THE POLICE BURST INTO THE ROOM, READY, IF NECESSARY, TO SHOOT YOU INTO RIBBONS!

THEY LOOK... AND DON'T SEE YOU! THEN... THEY GLANCE DOWN AT YOUR THIN, SHIVERING POOL OF A SHAPELESS BODY! BESIDE YOU IS AN EMPTY BOTTLE THAT ONCE HELD A PROMISE OF LIFE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO SOFTEN YOUR FLESH AND BONES... NOT MELT THEM! BUT THEY DON'T NOTICE THE FAINT SMILE ON YOUR FADING FACE, AS YOU KNOW YOU'VE CHEATED THEM... AND AS YOU KNOW THIS IS... THE END!
The End

TERROR FROM THE SKY
THE REMARKABLE STORY OF A BIZARRE AND FANTASTIC JOURNEY BY TWO SPACE CREATURES WITH A STRANGE MISSION--

And SO, THE SPACESHIP HURTLED THROUGH THE VOID! AT A SPEED IMPOSSIBLE TO CALCULATE! IT BROKE THROUGH THE BARRIERS OF TIME AND SPACE AND HEADED ON COURSE TOWARD... EARTH! THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF ITS ARRIVAL, FOR IN THE VEIL OF SECRECY THAT SURROUNDED IT LAY THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE MISSION...



OUTSIDE THE ATMOSPHERE, THE CRAFT BRAKED TO A HALT, AND THOSE ON BOARD WATCHED A BEAM FLICK OUT FROM THE SHIP PLAYING DOWN... DOWN... DOWN!

INVISIBLE TO THE EYE, IT APPARENTLY HAD NO EFFECT ON THE SURROUNDING AREA! BUT IT DID ON THE PERSON WHOM IT WAS SEARCHING OUT... ONE, ADAM HUGHES.

THE BEAM LIFTED HIM OFF THE EARTH AND OUT INTO SPACE TOWARD THE SPACESHIP!

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE COUNTRY, THE BEAM WAS STRIKING AGAIN! THIS TIME ON EVELYN LANG!
ONCE THE TWO EARTH PEOPLE WERE ABOARD, THE SPACE SHIP TURNED AND SPED BACK TOWARD ITS HOME PLANET! THE CAPTIVES STAYED DEEP IN TRANCE DURING THE VOYAGE, NOT REALIZING WHAT WAS HAPPENING DAYS LATER, WHEN THEY RECOVERED CONSCIOUSNESS...
TAKE IT EASY, MISS... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
WHA? OH, WHERE AM I? AND WHO ARE YOU?
I'M ADAM HUGES FROM BOSTON! AND YOU?
EVELYN LANE FROM DETROIT! BUT NOW DID WE GET HERE?
LET'S SEE NOW... I WAS WALKING DOWN THE STREET... WHY, THAT'S THE LAST THING I REMEMBER!
ME, TOO! EXCEPT FOR THAT STRANGE FEELING THAT CAME OVER ME! WE'RE IN SOME SORT OF GLASS CAGE NOW!
HEY! LOOK! WHAT IS IT? IT'S NOT HUMAN!
THEN WE MUST BE ON ANOTHER PLANET!
THAT IS RIGHT! BUT WE MEAN NO HARM!
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
YOU TWO ARE THE CHOSEN ONES! SELECTED BY OUR SCIENTISTS TO START YOUR CIVILIZATION OVER AGAIN!

WE ARE THE *FATHER PLANET'* GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE! THROUGH COUNTLESS AGES WE'VE WATCHED YOUR EARTH DEVELOP, HOPING THAT SOMEDAY IT COULD TAKE ITS PLACE AMONG THE FAMILY OF PLANETS AND LIVE IN PEACE, BUT THIS CANNOT BE...

YOUR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE FAR EXCEEDS YOUR SOCIAL GAINS! WARS, CRIME, BIGOTRY AND GREED ARE THE RESULTS OF SUCH A SOCIETY... THEREFORE IT MUST BE DESTROYED! THAT IS OCCURING RIGHT ***NOW***! AT THIS VERY MOMENT, YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY LIVING EARTH PEOPLE! YOU WILL RETURN SHORTLY TO GIVE BIRTH TO A ***NEW*** CIVILIZATION!

SUDDENLY, THE CRACKLING SOUND OF ELECTRICITY SNAPPED AROUND BOTH EARTHLINGS AS THEY BOTH LOST THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS: THE SCIENTISTS OF THE FATHER PLANET WORKED DEFTLY AND SWIFTLY TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION!

HAVE NO FEARS, MY CHILDREN! WHEN YOU AWAKE, YOUR MEMORIES WILL BE ***BLANK***... NOTHING WILL REMAIN OF WHAT HAS BEEN!

ONCE AGAIN THE STRANGE CRAFT WAS SPACEBORNE! THE BRIDGES OF TIME AND SPACE WERE CROSSED AND THE PLANET EARTH WAS REACHED!

SLOWLY THE YOUNG MAN AWOKE FROM HIS SLUMBER AND STARED IN AWE AT THE FIGURE AT HIS SIDE...
...THEN HE REACHED OVER, AND SHE AWOKE UNDER HIS TOUCH... SHE SMILED AT THE MAN, AND IN THAT SMILE WAS BORN THE SMILE OF ALL WOMEN TO ALL MEN...
...THEY LOOKED ABOUT AND KNEW THAT IN THE WONDERS THAT LAY ABOUT THEM WAS A PARADISE ON EARTH...
...AND THEN THEY CAME TO REALIZE THAT THEY WERE ALONE. THAT THE FOUNDING OF A CIVILIZATION WAS THEIRS... AND THE WOMAN SHUDDERED AT THE ENORMITY OF THE TASK...
...BUT SHE LEANED UPON THE STRENGTH OF THE MAN AND IT WAS ALL RIGHT... AND TOGETHER THEY WENT OUT INTO THEIR PARADISE, THE EDEN...
...FOR THIS WAS ADAM AND EVE ...AND THIS WAS A NEW BEGINNING ...PERHAPS THIS TIME MAN CAN GROW AND TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE FAMILY OF PLANETS WITH DIGNITY AND EMPATHY FOR ALL BEINGS!
THE BEGINNING!

DEBT of FEAR

OUT OF THE DARK AGES THE **BLOODY THING** STALKED TO COLLECT A TERRIBLE DEBT! WHEREVER **IT** STRUCK THERE WAS HORROR, DISEASE AND DEATH! ONLY THE CRUEL DYING OF A LOVELY GIRL COULD APPEASE THE WALKING DEATH...

SO THE STORY THAT APPEARS IS...

LE TEMPS

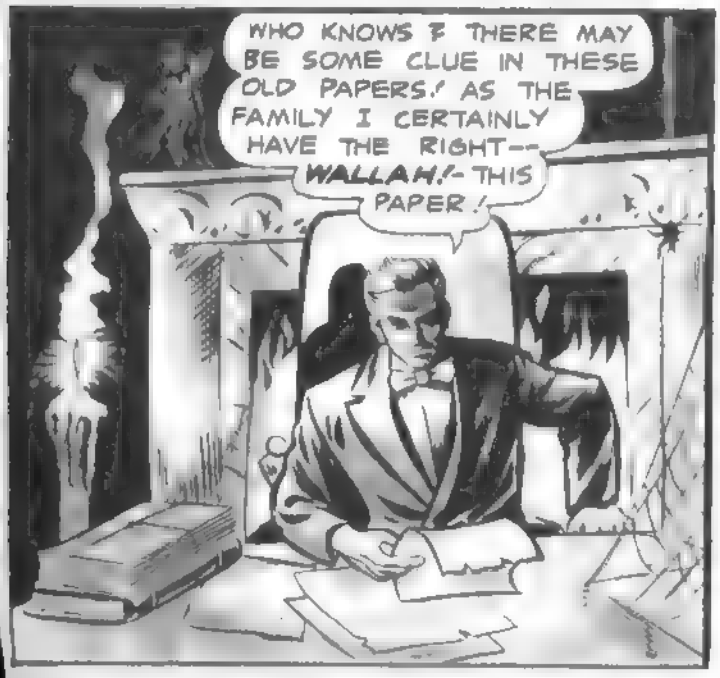
THE YOUNG COUNTESS DE MALATROIT DIED TODAY IN THE FAMILY'S OLD CHATEAU NEAR CHARTRES! CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SAID TO BE COMPLICATIONS AS A RESULT OF PNEUMONIA! THE COUNTESS, LAST OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS LINE OF FRENCH ARISTOCRACY WAS ONLY TWENTY-THREE! SHE

BUT THAT NIGHT A LITTLE GROUP OF ANXIOUS MEN GATHER IN A ROOM IN THE OLD CHATEAU...
GENTLEMEN, I TELL YOU I AM SURE OF MY FACTS! WE MUST FACE IT!
INCREDIBLE!
BUT HOW?

THE COUNTESS DIED OF THE PLAGUE! THE RED DEATH!

BUT, M'SIEUR, YOU MUST BE WRONG! THERE HAS NOT BEEN A CASE OF--OF THIS RED DEATH IN 500 YEARS!
I KNOW! BUT NEVERTHELESS SHE DIED OF IT! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT EITHER!

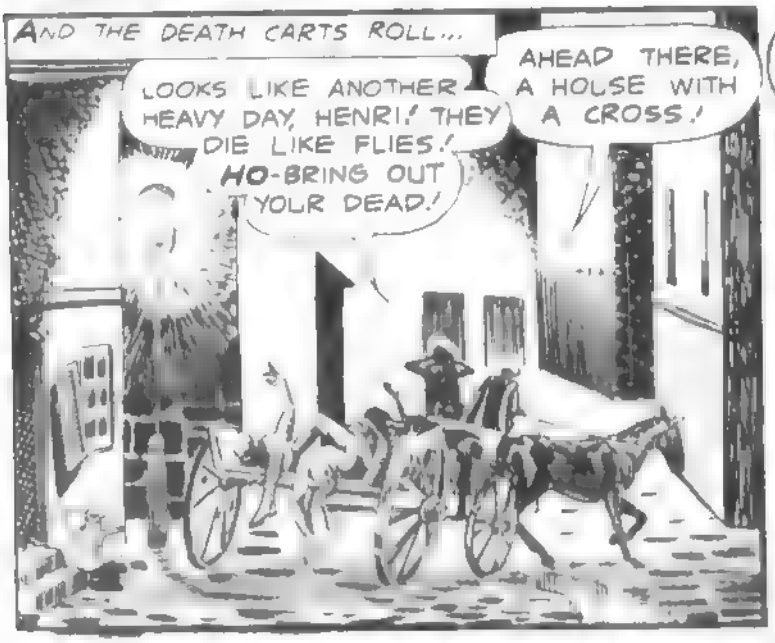
GOODBYE, MY FRIENDS! REMEMBER TO KEEP SECRECY!
I WILL REMAIN AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND IN THIS OLD CHATEAU!


WHO KNOWS? THERE MAY BE SOME CLUE IN THESE OLD PAPERS! AS THE FAMILY I CERTAINLY HAVE THE RIGHT--
WALLAH!- THIS PAPER!

HERE! IN THIS OLD DIARY OF THE FIRST COUNT! THE ANSWER!

THROUGH THE RED MISTS THE LAWYER SEEMS TO GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES, TO A TOWN GRIPPED BY PLAGUE...
WE'LL ALL DIE OF THE PLAGUE!
BEWARE THE RED DEATH! KEEP TO YOUR HOMES!

THEY FALL IN THE STREETS...
GAAA-MY HEART BURSTS! I BLEED--THE CURSED RED DEATH HAS ME!


AND THE DEATH CARTS ROLL...
LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER HEAVY DAY, HENRI! THEY DIE LIKE FLIES! HO-BRING OUT YOUR DEAD!
AHEAD THERE, A HOUSE WITH A CROSS!

PLAGUE HERE, SURE ENOUGH! BUT THEY BRING OUT NO DEAD!
HA-HA! CAN THE DEAD CARRY THE DEAD! COME, FOOL!

A LOVELY LASS, OR WAS BEFORE THE RED DEATH TOOK HER! WELL--ON TO THE NEXT HOUSE!
AND THE NEXT--AND THE NEXT! THERE IS NO END!

ANOTHER LOAD IN THE PITS! AND WE START AGAIN!
SOON IT WILL BE US! BRRR!

BUT THERE WAS ONE PLACE WHERE THE PLAGUE HAD NOT STRUCK! THE CHATEAU OF THE COUNT OF MALATROIT! IT STOOD COOL AND ALOOF, UNTOUCHED...
SHE IS SO INNOCENT, SO BEAUTIFUL! I'D DEFY DEMONS TO PROTECT HER!
MY HUSBAND! WHAT NEWS OF THE PLAGUE TODAY? I WORRY FOR OUR POOR PEOPLE!
YOU MUST NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THE RABBLE, MY DEAR! I THINK ONLY OF YOU, AND OF YOUR SAFETY! HERE, WITHIN THE WALLS YOU CAN FORGET THE PLAGUE!
BUT OUTSIDE THE GATES...
PLEASE! YOU HAVE MEDICINES!
STAND BACK, YOU RIFF-RAFF! NONE ENTERS THE CHATEAU GROUNDS!
THERE IS THE COUNT NOW! HELP US, SIRE!
YOU DENY YOUR PEOPLE AID! CURSE YOU!
I CAN DO NOTHING! BE GONE!
WHY DO OUR PEOPLE WAIT, HUSBAND? CAN WE NOT DO SOMETHING FOR THEM?
NO, MY DEAR! THE POOR FOOLS ARE DOOMED! THEY WOULD ONLY INFECT US IF WE HELPED!

TIME PASSES AND THE RED DEATH STILL RUNS AMUCK! BUT INSIDE THE CHATEAU THERE IS HOPE AND JOY...
HERE IS YOUR NEW CHILD, SIRE! A LUSTY BOY!
AN HEIR! I HAVE WISHED FOR ONE SO LONG!

THERE, LITTLE ONE, DO NOT CRY! SOMETIME, WHEN ALL THIS TROUBLE HAS PASSED, YOU WILL BE THE COUNT OF MALA-TROIT!

BUT THAT NIGHT IN THE SHADOW CLOTTED BEDROOM...
HAH-HAH! AHH-HA-HA!
W-WHO ARE YOU? WHY DO YOU STAND THERE AND LAUGH?

EEEE! YOU! YOU ARE-THE RED DEATH!
HEH-HEH! DID YOU THINK YOUR WALLS COULD KEEP ME OUT?

Y-YOU! HAVE YOU COME FOR MY CHILD?
NOT THE CHILD! FOR YOU, MY PRETTY ONE! YOU ARE TO BE TAKEN!

SUDDENLY...
THE RED DEATH! YOU SHALL NOT TAKE HER! I WILL KILL YOU!
YOU ARE A FOOL, COUNT! NONE CAN SLAY ME! I AM THE RED DEATH!

YOU SHALL NOT TAKE HER! ASK ANYTHING BUT THAT!
DO NOT BARGAIN WITH ME! I MUST HAVE A LIFE!

I KNOW--TAKE THE CHILD! SPARE MY WIFE!

I'LL DO IT! GIVE ME THE CHILD NOW!
YES, OF COURSE! YOU CAN HAVE IT!
NO! NOT MY BABY!

NO, MY HUSBAND! PLEASE! I WILL GO-ONLY SPARE...
I COMMAND IT! GIVE ME THE CHILD!

THANK YOU, SIRE! FOR THE MOMENT I AM SATISFIED! BUT A DEBT IS STILL OWED ME!
HERE-TAKE THE CHILD! NOW GO! GO!

I GO! BUT THIS IS NOT FULL PAYMENT! I WILL RETURN FOR THE BALANCE SOMEDAY! HA-HA-HA!

Y-YOU GAVE MY CHILD TO THAT MONSTROUS THING! YOU MURDERER! FIEND!
NO-DON'T SAY THAT! I COULD NOT BEAR TO LOSE YOU!

BEFORE HE CAN STOP HER...
I WILL JOIN MY BABY- THIS WAY!
STOP! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! NO!

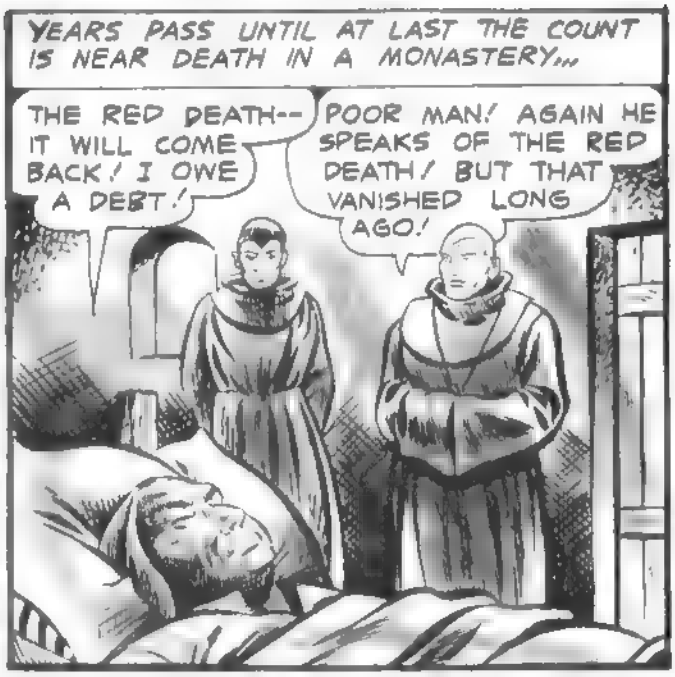
BUT THE DEED IS DONE, AND THAT NIGHT THE COUNT MOURNS AT HIS WIFE'S BIER...
MY DARLING! OH, I LOVED YOU SO!

SUDDENLY A FETID STENCH FILLS THE ROOM...
THAT SHADOW! YOU AGAIN!
YES, ME! I'VE COME FOR THE BALANCE OF YOUR DEBT!

TAKE ME! I GO GLADLY! I WOULD BE WITH MY WIFE!
YOU! HA-HA!

I DON'T WANT YOU! BUT YOU CHEATED ME, AND YOU SHALL PAY! LIVE LONG AND SUFFER! I WILL COLLECT MY DEBT IN THE END!

FORGIVE ME, OH LORD, FOR MY SINS! DO NOT LET THIS THING VISIT THEM ON MY FAMILY!


YEARS PASS UNTIL AT LAST THE COUNT IS NEAR DEATH IN A MONASTERY...
THE RED DEATH-- IT WILL COME BACK! I OWE A DEBT!
POOR MAN! AGAIN HE SPEAKS OF THE RED DEATH! BUT THAT VANISHED LONG AGO!

THE LAWYER FINISHES HIS STUDY OF THE OLD PAPERS...
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! DID THE RED DEATH COME BACK AFTER ALL THE CENTURIES?

SOMETHING STIRS IN THE SHADOWS...
WHO'S THERE?
ONLY ME! HA-HA! DO NOT BE AFRAID!

YOU! THE RED DEATH COME BACK! BUT...
I GO NOW, FOR-EVER! I'VE BEEN PAID-BY THE LAST OF THE MALATROITS!

THE SUN COMES UP...
THAT'S THE END OF IT, THEN! THE END OF THE MALATROITS-- AND-THE RED DEATH!
The End

FROM THE EARLIEST DAWN OF MANKIND THERE WERE "GLORY HUNTERS" AND WHEN MAN MOVED INTO SPACE HE CARRIED THIS DISEASE WITH HIM. SUCH WAS THE CASE OF ONE SPACE COMMANDER WHO TRIED TO FIND A SCIENTIST WHO VANISHED IN GALAXY 4 AND MARKED AS "DEAD" BY THE EARTH'S TRIBUNAL OF SPACE...

PLANET OF HORROR

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

IT WAS COMING NOW, AND THORO STEELE COULD HEAR IT... COULD SEE THE HULL GLINTING CLOSER...

A SECOND LATER, THE LAND CAR WAS CAREENING INTO THE CAMP CLEARING...

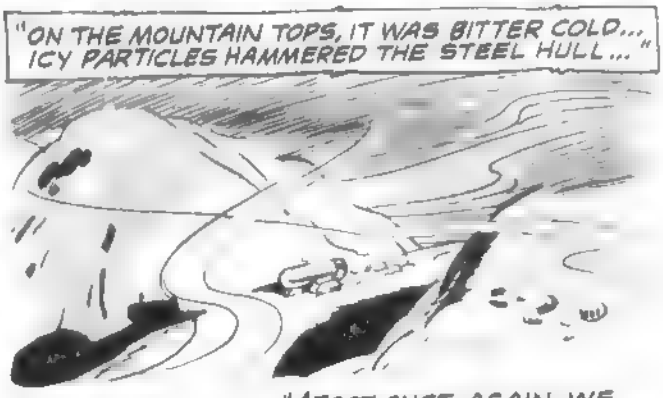
THERE WERE SHOUTS OF GREETING FROM THE RECEPTION PARTY, BUT THEY RECEIVED ONLY SILENCE IN RETURN...

ENERGY RAYS FROM THE VITALIZERS GLEAMED DOWN ON THE WEARY MEN OF THE SCOUTING PARTY! WHEN THEIR REACTIONS RECORDED NORMALCY THORD STEELE BROUGHT THE GROUP TO THE INTERROGATION ROOM...
THE QUESTIONING STARTED...
YOU'VE BEEN GONE TWENTY EIGHT DAYS, AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS, I'D SAY YOU FOUND SOMETHING, LIEUTENANT GANLON!
TRUE ENOUGH, SIR -- BUT NOT A TRACE OF DOCTOR TERROD AND, I'M AFRAID NOTHING OF WHAT YOU HAD EXPECTED TO FIND HERE!
LT. GANLON'S EYES FIXED THEMSELVES HARD ON THE BRIDGE OF STEELE'S NOSE, AS HE BEGAN HIS STORY...
WE WENT THROUGH A BELT OF JUNGLE, ABOUT TEN MILES WIDE, I'D SAY... JUNGLE QUITE SIMILAR TO THAT ON EARTH, SIR...
"AT FIRST, THE GOING WAS EASY-- BUT AS THE JUNGLE GREW THICKER, THE AIR AND GROUND GREW HOTTER..."
BETTER DOUBLE UP THE ACTION OF THOSE FRONT CUTTERS... WE'LL NEED 'EM!
WHEW! GETTING HOT!
CRUNCH
CRACK
"THE NEXT DAY, OUR OBSERVER NOTICED A COLUMN OF SMOKE..."
APPROACH WITH CAUTION... MAY BE RADIOACTIVE!
"EXCITEMENT RAN HIGH THROUGH THE CREW, BECAUSE SMOKE MEANS FIRE AND FIRE USUALLY MEANS SOME KIND OF INTELLIGENCE..."
SAY! THE TEMPERATURE'S SHOOTING UP... FAST!
THE TERRAIN... IT--IT'S MOVING, AND -- LOOK!
"SUDDENLY THERE WAS A CRACKING NOISE AND FLAME!
THERE'S THE CAUSE OF THE SMOKE! WOW!
BAROOOOOM!

"BLEAK, BARREN HILLS... FEW SIGNS OF LIFE, AS WE CONTINUED INLAND..."
JUST LIKE EARTH, MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!
SOME SORT OF LAKE AHEAD! MAYBE WE'LL FIND SOME CAMP REMAINS THERE, SIR!

"BUT THE LAKE WAS A BOILING MASS...TENTACLED CREATURES THRIVED IN IT-- BUT NO SIGN OF ANY CAMP THERE..."

"IN THE VALLEYS, WE FOUND ONLY SEARING HEAT...THE GROUND ERUPTING WITH MOLTEN STUFF..."


"ON THE MOUNTAIN TOPS, IT WAS BITTER COLD... ICY PARTICLES HAMMERED THE STEEL HULL..."

"WE'D BEEN THREE WEEKS OUT, WHEN ONE OF THE PARTY DISCOVERED THE FOOTPRINTS..."
THEY'RE FRESH! MUST'VE SEEN US ARRIVE...
MAY BE INTELLIGENT CREATURES! WE'LL FOLLOW THEM!

"FOR SEVERAL MILES WE TRAILED THE THEN WE SAW THE MOUNDS AND THE STRANGE, MOVING SHADOWS..."

"AFOOT ONCE AGAIN, WE ADVANCED CLOSER TO THE ODD MOUNDS..."
SOMETHING COMING, MEN! KEEP YOUR RIFLES READY...
THERE'S ONE NOW...GOOD HEAVENS... LOOK!

"THE SHADOWS I HAD SEEN A FEW MINUTES EARLIER WERE ALIVE NOW... GRUNTING SHAPES MOVING TOWARD US...
UNNGGGHHHAAAGGGHHH
"OUR RAY RIFLES BLASTED A FEW OF THEM..."
KEEP MOVING! HEAD FOR THE CAR...
ZIZ ZIZ ZIZ
"AS WE RAN, THEY HURLED BOULDERS AT US AS IF THEY WERE PEBBLES!"
DON'T STOP TO SHOOT! KEEP GOING!
CRASH
"TECHNICIAN BECK HAD HESITATED AN INSTANT TOO LONG, AND AS WE SCRAMBLED INTO THE LAND CAR..."
IF WE TRY TO SAVE HIM, WE'LL ALL GET CAUGHT!
YAAAHHH!
"AS WE TRAVELED FURTHER INLAND, THE SWAMP BECAME THICKER AND TREACHEROUS...
THERE'S NO SENSE GOING ANY FARTHER! TURN AROUND AND HEAD BACK TO THE ROCKET!
RIGHT, LIEUTENANT GANLON!
THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCE PARTY WERE NODDING THEIR HEADS, AS LIEUTENANT GANLON FINISHED HIS TALE...
THIS PLANET IS USELESS FOR EXPLOITATION, MAJOR STEELE, AND BESIDES, DR. TERROD AND HIS GROUP MUST HAVE DIED HERE!
THE HARD LINES OF SUSPICIAN WERE ETCHED DEEPLY IN THORD STEELE'S FACE AS HE NODDED!
VERY INTERESTING, LIEUTENANT! YOU ALL MAY LEAVE NOW... ER... JUST LEAVE YOUR HELMETS HERE! THAT'LL BE ALL!

ALONE IN THE INTERROGATION ROOM, STEELE WAS THINKING DEEPLY...THEN HE WAS FINGERING THE CRASH HELMETS THAT HAD BEEN WORN BY THE ADVANCE PARTY...
FROM A SMALL, INCONSPICUOUS COMPARTMENT, CLEVERLY CONCEALED INSIDE THE HELMETS, HE REMOVED A TINY METAL OBJECT...
SO THAT'S THEIR STORY-- BUT THIS MICRO-CAMERA WILL TELL ME THE REAL ONE!
MINUTES LATER, HE WAS RUNNING THE FILM OFF ON A SPECIAL PROJECTOR...
THERE'S THE PILOT AND GANLON... THIS WAS AS THEY STARTED OFF! NOW, I SHALL SEE...
CLIK
INSTEAD OF WILD AND PRIMITIVE JUNGLE, STEELE WAS CHUCKLING AS HE NOTED THE LUSH PARADISE...
THE TELE-FILM RECORDED EVEN THEIR VOICES, AS THEY HAD HALTED TO TEST A ROCKY OUTCROP FOR MINERAL CONTENT!
THE REGISTER NEEDLES ARE JUMPING LIKE CRAZY, LIEUTENANT!
And STILL ANOTHER SPOT, TAME ANIMALS GRAZED PEACEFULLY BESIDE A CLEAR STREAM...
THERE MUST BE INTELLIGENT LIFE HERE SOMEWHERE!
SAY, LT. GANLON-- LOOK HERE...
ONE OF THE PARTY WAS POINTING TO THE GROUND EXCITEDLY...
FOOTPRINTS! AND THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN MADE BY A MAN!
AND LOOK! A TRAIL...IT MUST LEAD SOMEWHERE!

THEY FOLLOWED THE TRAIL FOR SEVERAL MILES, BUT AT THE END OF IT...
ANY OF YOU KNOW HIM?
CAREFUL, SIR-- THEY DON'T LOOK SO FRIENDLY!
HO, THERE! WE'RE MEMBERS OF AN EXPEDITION SEARCHING FOR DOCTOR TERROD!

SUDDENLY, PARALYZING RAYS WERE ZAPPING AT THEM...
YOUR LEADER! BRING US TO HIM! WE...AAHHH!
THE LEADER COMES NOW!

ANY STRUGGLE YOU MAKE WILL ONLY BE HARDER ON YOU...OTHERWISE, THE PARALYZING RAYS ARE QUITE HARMLESS!
SO YOU'RE THE LEADER! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF... YOU!

A VERY FAMILIAR FACE WAS CLOSE TO GANLON'S...
I SEE YOU RECOGNIZE ME...YES, I'M DOCTOR TERROD, AND I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO YOU FULLY, AS WE GO TO THE LABORATORY...

AND WHILE THEY MARCHED THROUGH THE CITY...
OUR CITY, GENTLEMEN... IT TOOK TWENTY-THREE YEARS TO BUILD IT!

THEY WERE SHOWN THE WONDERS OF DOCTOR TERROD'S DEVELOPMENT...
THE PEOPLE WHO AT SIXTY YEARS LOOKED LIKE TEEN AGERS...
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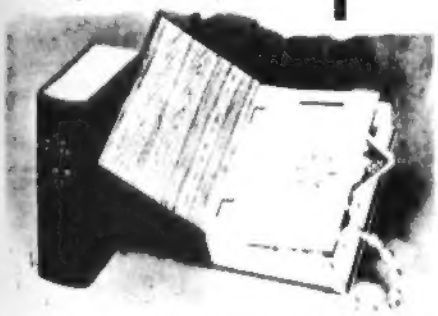

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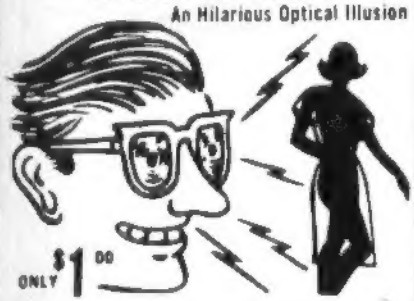

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CREAK!
HAVE ALL HANDS STAND BY, CAPTAIN BLACK... I HAVE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE!
THE VIDEO WENT DEAD SUDDENLY AND STEELE WAS WHIRLING TOWARD A FIGURE AT THE OPEN PORT...
TERROD! WHAT THE DEVIL'RE YOU DOING HERE? I...
I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN, THAT YOU WOULD CHECK GANLON'S STORY...
INSTANTLY, A BRIGHT BLUE FLASH OF FLAME...
NO, TERROD... NOT THAT! I'LL GO... I'LL...
BUZZZ
SORRY, STEELE... THE ONLY WAY TO STOP YOU!
AFTER DESTROYING THE FILMS TERROD SNAPPED ON THE EMERGENCY POWER...
AS I STARTED TO SAY, OPEN THE ARMORY... DISPOSE OF ALL ARMS! WE'LL NEED THE EXTRA LIGHTNESS FOR TAKE-OFF! CREW TO STATIONS AT ONCE... WE'RE GOING HOME!
VERY GOOD, SIR!
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, THE GLEAMING METAL TUBE WAS BLASTING UP AND AWAY FROM ZURON...
And AS IT DWINDLED IN THE PURPLING SKY...
I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE BOTHERED AGAIN WITH SEARCH PARTIES FROM EARTH, GENTLEMEN!
BUT WHY DON'T YOU WANT THEM HERE, DOCTOR?
WHY?... THERE ARE TOO MANY THORD STEELES ON EARTH, WHO'D COME HERE TO PLUNDER THIS PARADISE WE'VE FOUND! SOON OURS WOULD BE A DYING PLANET, DEPLETED, RUINED, EMPTY... LET THAT BE THE LAST EXPEDITION!
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